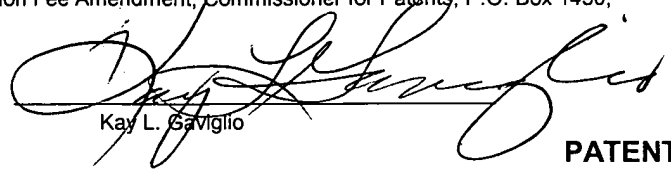


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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 18, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made. A complete list of the Claims, including marked-up versions of the rewritten, added, withdrawn, and/or cancelled claims is provided below, beginning on page 2. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹. The Remarks begin on page 5.

¹ *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).